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Application Guidelines for the Meiji University Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students 【2026 Spring Semester】

1. Eligibility

Applicants need to meet all of the following requirements.

(1) Privately-funded international students (*) enrolled in a degree course.
(*) Excluding students who are exempted from the tuition fees, such as Exchange students, MEXT scholarship students, JDS Fellows.

(2) Students in need of financial assistance to pursue their study/research.

Type	Conditions	Monthly Housing Rent (*)
Type A	Students currently living alone without any roommates or family members/relatives.	Must be 50,000JPY or less.
Type B	Students currently living with a roommate(s) or family members/relatives.	The amount obtained by dividing the monthly rent by the number of residents must be 50,000 yen or less.

(*) Definition of Monthly Housing Rent
The total amount of rental fees, common area fees, and management fees (does not include other expenses (deposit, key money, various insurance premiums, bicycle parking fees, etc.))

(3) Students who hold a valid “Student" status of residence (RYUGAKU) as of April 24th, 2026.
*If you do not have a valid “Student” status of residence as of the date mentioned above, you may apply if you meet one of the following requirements;
●Students who have applied for COE at the International Student Office by 17:00 on April 24th, 2026.
●Students who have taken the necessary procedures related to gaining “Student” status of residence at the International Student Office by 17:00 on April 24th. (E.g., Renewing validity period, Changing resident status).

(4) Students who haven’t repeated any grade during the 2026 academic year.
*Note: Students with grade repetition due to a leave of absence in the past academic year may be eligible. Please consult with the International Student Office in advance in that case.

(5) Students who did NOT take and will NOT take a leave of absence in the 2026 academic year.

(6) Students who were **NOT selected as recipients of the “Meiji University Graduate School Research Scholarship”）in the past years.**

<Outline of Meiji University Graduate School Research Scholarship >
-A scholarship for the graduate school students. It provides an amount equivalent to half of the tuition fees for the standard period of study. However, continuation in the second and third years may not be guaranteed depending on academic performance and other factors.
-No application by the students is required for this scholarship.
-Those successfully selected will receive notification between late July and August from the university.

<Important Note>
- When you apply for “Meiji University Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students” and are successfully selected as recipient, you will automatically become ineligible for “Meiji University Graduate School Research Scholarship”.
- For the reason above, if you wish to prioritize the possibility of receiving “Meiji University Graduate School Research Scholarship”, please don’t apply for this scholarship.

＜Concurrent Scholarships＞
●Not Permitted：Meiji University Graduate School Research Scholarship
●Permitted：Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (JASSO), Meiji University Special Grant for Privately Financed International Students, Meiji University Grant for Academic Excellence for Privately Financed International Students, Foundation scholarships（Except those prohibited by the foundation）

2． Online Application Period / Documents to be submitted

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【Application Period】 April 15th (Wed) 9:00 ～ April 24th(Fri) 17:00
【Where to apply】 ONLINE only: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/LbpL30L8Hm
●No other submission methods, such as postal mail and over-the-counter, will be accepted.
●No applications after the deadline will be accepted for any reasons.
●If you are unable to apply online due to network issues, please contact the International Student Office by e-mail at least two days before the deadline.
●Changes can only be made during the online application period.
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<td>Required Documents</td>
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The following documents need to be submitted during the application period. Please make sure to prepare them in advance. If you have any documents that you cannot submit for unavoidable reasons, please seek advice from the International Student Office well in advance by e-mail.

(1) Scholarship Application Form
Download the designated format, fill it in and upload it to the designated site.
【Format】
https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/student_support/funding/mkmht0000002ebdo.html
【Where to submit】
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<tr><th>Category</th><th>Group Name of Oh-o! Meiji</th><th>Direct Link</th></tr>
<tr><td>All students</td><td>Meiji University Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (2026 Spring Semester)</td><td>https://www.oh-o.meiji.ac.jp/lms/course?idnumber=9999grp007760002</td></tr>
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(2) Photocopy/Scanned data of the front and back side of your resident card.
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<tr><td>Incoming students</td><td>International Students Submission (for freshman)</td><td>https://www.oh-o.meiji.ac.jp/lms/course?idnumber=9999grp009630002</td></tr>
<tr><td>Currently enrolled students</td><td>International Students Submission</td><td>https://www.oh-o.meiji.ac.jp/lms/course?idnumber=9999grp009620002</td></tr>
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●If you have already uploaded them in response to the request from our VISA team, it is not necessary to upload them again.
●If you do not hold a valid “Student” residence status as of April 24, 2026, no scanned data is required. Please select its reason from the options in the online application form instead.
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(3) Documents verifying your monthly rent and the number of occupants.

	Category	Required Documents	Remarks
1	Required	House Rental Agreement	**・The document must clearly indicate the three items below.** ① Name on the contract ② Monthly rent ③ Contract Term ・The document must be written in Japanese or English. In case of other language, please refer to the FAQ. ・If a lease agreement is not available, alternative documents (such as a dormitory application form) may be accepted.
2	Required	Certificate of Residence (The applicant's)	**・Must be issued within three months.** ・We will verify the actual residency status at the property. ・"My Number" information should not be printed.
3	If applicable	Certificate of Residence (The co-occupant's)	**・Must be issued within three months.** ・If there are other residents at the property (such as in a shared room or living with relatives), please submit the document. ・"My Number" information should not be printed.

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3. Number of scholars and Screening

Number of scholars	Around 100 in total
Criteria for selection	Comprehensive assessments will be made based on the submitted documents.
Announcement of Results	●All applicants will be informed of their results through the Oh-o! Meiji system in mid-May 2026. ●No inquiries about the selection results are accepted.

4. Grant amount

Stipend	50,000 JPY / month
Payment period	Six months (April 2026 to September 2026)

Payment method	To be transferred to the recipient's bank account ● Lump-sum transfer of six months' worth of payments is scheduled in late June 2026. ●The bank account must be with a bank in Japan and in the student's name.
Revocation of Scholarship	The following circumstances may result in the revocation of your scholarship. The recipient shall be requested to return the paid scholarship to the university. (1) When the recipient takes a leave of absence or leaves the university. (2) When the recipient's student resident status changes to another status. (3) When false declarations are found. (4) When the recipient is deemed to be an inappropriate recipient for the scholarship award for any reason. (5) When the recipient is punished by the university.

5. Handling of Personal Information

Meiji University will use any submitted personal information only for the purpose of scholarship related matters, including screening, the decision-making process, and related office work. This is in compliance with the Meiji University Educational Foundation Personal Information Protection Policy and the Personal Information Protection Law and Regulations. Personal information will only be provided to a third party in compliance with laws and regulations, and never be used for other purposes.

6. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

FAQs are available at https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/student_support/funding/mkmht0000002ebdo.html.

Should you have any questions not listed on the FAQ, please feel free to ask the International Student Office by e-mail no later than two days before the deadline at latest.

7. INQUIRY

International Student Office
2nd floor of Global Building, SURUGADAI Campus
TEL: 03-3296-4141 Email: iso@mics.meiji.ac.jp

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